IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Atsushi YAMAGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2652

Application No.: 09/853,158

Examiner:

C. Renner

Filed: May 10, 2001

Docket No.:

109500

For:

THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD

MAIL STOP RCE

OF MANUFACTURING SAME

LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 RECEIVED

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Sir:

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 153339 in the amount of X \$770.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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